
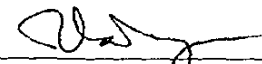
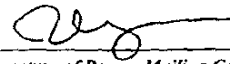


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Applicant(s): Rao et al.					
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Invention: PROCESS FOR PREPARATION OF PROTEIN-HYDROLYSATE FROM MILK PROTEIN 					
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, Applicants submit herewith an RCE. Preliminary to examining this application Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-identified application according to the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.